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It is high time this case be settled. The government, as well as Microsoft, continue to pay legal fees, which are ultimately paid for by consumers. Cut the costs and get the case settled.

By the way, I don't believe consumers are complaining about monopolistic practices of Microsoft. The complaints are coming from businesses. I thought legal remedies for monopolies only applied, when the public sector screams for action. Don't kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. Microsoft is a great business that contributes favorably to the balance of trade and is a great tax paying corporation. Also, Microsoft's innovations have contributed heavily to the productivity of everyone in the world.

I look forward to a prompt settlement that allows Microsoft to stay in tack and continue to offer innovation that produces greater productivity. Certainly, Microsoft should be required to treat corporations and individuals fairly. As for the past, I am all for a smack on the wrist, and let's get going. The economy could use a shot in the arm, and I am sure Microsoft could help more, if they were involved in this long drawn out case.

Sincerely,

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